

SOUTH DAKOTA FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR'S CONFERENCE

JANUARY 11 & 12, 2014

RAMKOTA RIVER CENTER, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Featured Presenter: Dr. Richard Gasaway

Richard B. Gasaway entered the fire service in 1979 and has served as firefighter, paramedic, lieutenant, captain, assistant Chief and fire chief in 6 fire and EMS agencies in West Virginia, Ohio and Minnesota. After completing his 30-year service career, Chief Gasaway founded Situational Awareness Matters! A consulting and teaching organization dedicated to improving how individuals, team and organizations make decisions in stressful environments. Since launching in October 2011, the Situational Awareness Matters website has welcomed over 300,000 worldwide visitors who have downloaded over 2.5 million pages of free content. As a professional speaker and author, Dr. Gasaway has contributed to more than 350 books, book chapters and journal articles on topics related to leadership safety, situational awareness and decision making under stress. His bestselling books, Situational Awareness Matters Volumes 1 & 2, Situational Awareness for Emergency Response and Fireground Command Decision Making, serve as essential guides for helping first responders develop and maintain situational awareness while making high-stress, high-consequence decisions. Chief Gasaway holds bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer program where he now serves as a resident faculty member. He also serves as an instructor for the Executive Development Program at the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. Chief Gasaway was the 30th chief officer to be credentialed by the Commission for Public Safety Excellence.

Richard Gasaway will be presenting the following Topics:

Flawed Situational Awareness: The Stealth Killer of Firefighters

Situational awareness is one of the leading contributing factors for near-miss and line-of-duty deaths among first responders operating at emergency scenes.

Training for Failure: Understanding why some first responder training must change

This program will offer an eye-opening view into how responders are being trained to fail, why those who are training them don't know they're doing it and how to fix the problem.

Firefighter Safety: Mistakes & Best Practices

This program looks at a summary of common mistakes and best practices discovered from the presenter's extensive evaluation of more than 500 near-miss reports and line-of-duty casualty investigations. Improve your understanding of what's killing firefighters at incident scenes and how to improve fireground safety.

2014 SDSFSI Conference Schedule, Fee, and Lodging Information

Saturday January 11, 2014

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM– Registration in the lobby outside the amphitheater

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Opening the Conference and Introductions

9:00 AM – 12 Noon – Class

1:00 PM – 4 PM – Class Resumes

Sunday January 12, 2014

8:00 AM – 12 Noon – Class

12 Noon – Lunch and return to finish business meeting or finish business meeting and adjourn.

Membership/Registration Fee

This is a notice of the upcoming Conference in January and this notice is also to remind Instructors that the pre-registration was set at \$25 and must be sent in and post marked prior to December 15th, after that the registration will be \$30. This also means that anyone that requires to be billed or pays at the conference for the registration shall be charged the \$30 per instructor. You may also register @ pay online at http://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view_month.aspx?as=14&wp=81&aid=SDFA or use your mobile device and scan the QR Code posted below. Online registration with Pay by mailed in check is also available.



Pre-register will allow an easier registration the day of the conference. You will receive a card showing that you are a paid member of the Association and are covered by the Insurance Policy.

As you send in your registration, list ALL of your Department Instructors names and their email addresses (need to be written legibly or typed so the names will be entered appropriately for the Insurance). If you pay for Instructors that do not attend the Conference their cards can be picked up at the Conference by a fellow member or will be mailed to your Department.

Checks are to be made out to “South Dakota Fire Instructors Association” or SDFIA, no cash please unless paying at the Conference.

So again please get your registration in as soon as possible to insure you will receive the Insurance coverage.

Thanks

Damon Hartmann

South Dakota Fire Instructors Association – Secretary

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Rapid City, SD 57701

Those wishing to send in your payment for the upcoming January Conference send it to the following address.

South Dakota Firefighter Instructor Society

Attn: Mike Erickson

435 W 3rd St

Parker, SD 57053

Lodging: A block of 70 rooms has been set aside at the Ramkota. Please call the motel directly at 605-224-6877 to make your reservations. Guest should state that they are coming for the South Dakota Fire Service Instructor's Conference to receive the reduced rate on this block of rooms.